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AND
PRIVACY ACTS

Subject: Hiss Chambers

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INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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DATE 5/77

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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
346	12/20/48	Report of Special Agent Kerr	8	yes	
347	12/21/48	Complaint form	1	no	released in full
348	12/21/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
349	12/21/48	Teletype to Cleveland, Milwaukee, El Paso, Denver, Indianapolis, Norfolk, Detroit, Richmond	1	yes	
350	12/21/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
351	12/21/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
352	12/21/48	El Paso teletype to Bureau, New York, Denver	2	yes	
353	12/21/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
354	12/21/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
355	12/21/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Detroit	1	yes	
356	12/21/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
357	12/21/48	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York, Denver	2	yes	

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358	12/21/48	Birmingham teletype to New York, Philadelphia	1	no	released in full
359	12/21/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Buffalo	2	yes	
360	12/21/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
361	12/21/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
362	12/21/48	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
363	12/21/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	referr. to CIA
364	12/21/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	refer to CIA
365	12/21/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
366	12/21/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Bureau	1	yes	
367	12/21/48	Memo of Special Agent Sullivan	2	no	released in full
368	12/20/48	Denver teletype to Bureau, Albany, El Paso, Indianapolis, Portland, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
369	12/20/48	Denver teletype to El Paso, Phoenix	1	no	released in full

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370	12/20/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
371	12/20/48	Lab report to New York	1	yes	
372	12/21/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
373	12/15/48	Baltimore letter to Director	4	yes	
374	12/21/48	Memo of Special Agent Novak	1	no	released in full
375	12/17/48	Report of Special Agent Inman	4	yes	
376	12/20/48	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
377	12/21/48	Chicago letter to Director	3	yes	
378	12/21/48	Lab report to Philadelphia	1	yes	
379	12/21/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
380	12/21/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
381	12/21/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	yes	

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382	12/21/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
383	12/21/48	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
384	12/21/48	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
385	12/21/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
386	12/22/48	Bureau teletype, to New York	2	yes	
387	12/22/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
388	12/22/48	Indianapolis teletype to Bureau, Denver, New York	2	yes	
389	12/22/48	Buffalo teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
390	12/22/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
391	12/22/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	yes	
392	12/22/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
393	12/22/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, San Francisco	1	yes	

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394	12/22/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
395	12/22/48	New York teletype to Albany	1	yes	
396	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore	1	yes	
397	12/22/48	Denver teletype to New York, Bureau, El Paso	1	yes	
398	12/22/48	San Francisco teletype to Bureau, New York	5	yes	
399	12/20/48	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
400	12/21/48	Report of Special Agent Ross	4	yes	
401	12/21/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
402	12/21/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
403	12/21/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
404	12/21/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
405	12/22/48	Report of Special Agent O'Donoghue	2	yes	

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406	12/22/48	Report of Special Agent Alker	3	yes	
407	12/23/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
408	12/23/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	3	no	released in full
409	12/23/48	Newark teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	1	yes	
410	12/23/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
411	12/23/48	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
412	12/21/48	Report of Special Agent Lovrien	9	yes	
413	12/22/48	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
414	12/22/48	Memo of Special Agent Scheidt	1	no	released in full
415	12/22/48	Baltimore letter to Director	8	yes	
416	12/22/48	Richmond letter to Director	2	yes	
417	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Baltimore	1	yes	

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418	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Chicago	1	yes	
419	12/22/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
420	12/22/48	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
421	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Philadelphia	1	yes	
422	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Norfolk	1	yes	
423	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Boston	1	yes	
424	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to San Antonio	1	yes	
425	12/22/48	Bureau teletype to Newark	1	yes	
426	12/22/48	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
427	12/22/48	Lab report to Philadelphia	1	yes	
428	12/22/48	Lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
429	12/22/48	Report of Special Agent Lewis	3	yes	

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430	12/22/48	Report of Special Agent Claridge	7	yes	
431	12/22/48	Teletype to Bureau, Albany, Philadelphia	1	yes	
432	12/22/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
433	12/22/48	Baltimore memo to New York	1	no	released in full
434	12/23/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
435	12/23/48	Memo of Special Agent McCarthy	1	no	released in full
436	12/23/48	Letter to Director from New York	2	yes	
437	12/23/48	San Francisco teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
438	12/23/48	Buffalo teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
439	12/23/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
440	12/23/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
441	12/23/48	teletype to Bureau, Detroit	2	yes	

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442	12/23/48	Memo of Supervisor Tuohy	1	no	released in full
443	12/22/48	Report of Special Agent Walters	5	yes	
444	12/22/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
445	12/23/48	Report of Special Agent Kelly	105	yes	
446	12/20/48	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
447	12/21/48	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
448	12/22/48	Memo of Supervisor Marchessault	1	no	released in full
449	12/23/48	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
450	12/23/48	Detroit letter to Director	1	yes	
451	12/23/48	Report of Special Agent Collier	9	yes	
452	12/24/48	Memo of Special Agent Ryan	1	no	released in full
453	12/24/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau New York	1	yes	

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COMPLAINT FORM

Unknown
Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject
Miscellaneous
Character of Case

Mrs Maria Leiper
Name of Complainant
440 W 24 London Terrace
Address of Complainant N.Y.
Chelsea 2-6604
Telephone Number of Complainant
12-21-48 8:35 A.M.
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: Unknown -

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant telephonically advised that she is an Editor for Simon and Schuster and has offices at 1230 6th Ave Rockefeller Center, NYC, office phone Circle 5-6400. She stated that she is an old friend of Laurence Duggan who died this date. She stated that knowing him since 1928 she was of the opinion he did not commit suicide but that he died at the hands of persons or organizations unknown. Though she hasn't seen him in several years she has been able to keep track of him through a mutual friend, Alan Dawson, who is with the State Department. Dawson was represented as an expert in Latin American Affairs. Because she has maintained contact with him indirectly, she knows that he adored his wife and four children - A suicide had been the motive he would have left a note - Also because he did frequently keep late hours it would be a simple matter for one to sneak into his office at night and then either hit him on the head and push him from the window or merely push him from an open window - She had no basis for her views other than the fact he was a home loving man and one she didn't believe capable of suicide - She stated she'd report any

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT: Further information is such became available

Information Purposes

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John P. Kennedy
Special Agent
Dawson
Jan 1, 1949
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
December 21, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. CANNON
MR. LADD
MR. MARSHALL
MR. ROSEN
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. COUGHLIN
MR. Egan
MR. GURNEA
MR. HENRICHSON
MR. TUCKY
MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

g. J. Kelly

At 5:30 pm on December 20th, in order that the Bureau would have available the details of the interviews with GEORGE HEWITT and MAX YERGAN conducted by agents of this office on December 20, I dictated a memorandum to Mr. Fletcher's secretary, setting forth in some detail the results of the interviews.

Relative to GEORGE HEWITT, I furnished the information contained in the memorandum of SA A. J. Tuohy dated December 20, as furnished to Mr. Tuohy by SA Jack Danahy. The information contained in this memorandum was supplemented with the following:

The agents had taken HEWITT in a bureau car to locate the apartment where the meeting was held in 1937 or 1938. HEWITT identified the apartment house at 8 West 16 Street as the building in which he thought the meeting was held. He was taken into the building and appeared to be familiar with the stairs and identified apartment F-35 as the apartment in question. This apartment is occupied by R. P. MADGE who, from inquiries conducted by the agents, took occupancy of the apartment subsequent to 1938. Relative to the meeting of the NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS in Washington about 1940, HEWITT advised that MAX YERGAN, JAMES W. FORD, ROSE WORTIS, MAX STEINBERG and BOB CAMPBELL were among the persons present, in addition to the two HISS brothers. Relative to the information furnished the Bureau by ALEX CAMPBELL that HEWITT had appeared before an INS hearing and had stated he attended many Communist meetings with ALGER HISS, HEWITT advised the agents that he had completed his INS testimony before the CHAMBERS-HISS case arose in the papers and up to that time, he did not know HISS by name. Consequently, he did not see how he could have made such a statement at INS hearings when he did not know HISS by name. HEWITT advised that he did not recall any such testimony regarding the attending of CP meetings with HISS.

Relative to the MAX YERGAN interview, YERGAN advised that he met TIM HOLMES (GEORGE HEWITT) in Madison Square Park in August, 1948 for the first time. At that time, HEWITT came up and introduced himself and congratulated YERGAN on leaving the Party. YERGAN advised that he saw ALGER HISS first in April, 1945 at the San Francisco Conference when HISS was secretary



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to STETTINIUS. He did not know whether HISS is connected with the CP or anything concerning the background of HISS. He denied attending CP meetings with HISS. YERGAN advised that he was interviewed by Congressmen McDOWELL, MANDEL and STOKES last Friday, December 17th, and he told them at that time he did not know anything concerning HISS of importance. YERGAN advised that in the fall of 1946, PAUL ROBESON brought a woman, named KLEINER (ph) into his office at the COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. ROBESON recommended her for employment with the COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. At that time, she said she was a sister-in-law of ALGER HISS. She was employed by the COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS from September, 1946 to April, 1947 as a representative of the Council to go daily to the UN and write up any happenings there for the benefit of the Council. YERGAN recalled that she lived at 10 Mitchell Place, New York City, with a woman named EDITH ATWATER. YERGAN had no information regarding KLEINER's background except that during the war, she claimed to be coordinating information for the War Department on material coming from the Balkan states and therefore, she may have been an employee of the War Department. YERGAN does not know whether she was a Communist or not. She left the COUNCIL OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS to go to work for the WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION.

YERGAN advised that he was not served with a subpoena by the House Committee on Un-American Activities but was merely told to hold himself in readiness for a call from them. He got the impression that the information he gave was not of importance.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that HEWITT was served with a subpoena for appearance before the Grand Jury on December 21st and that service was made by the U. S. Marshal. He was further advised that Mr. Donegan is getting out a subpoena for MAX YERGAN.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

jc Kelly

MSR

SACS PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK CITY URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL
FROM PHILADELPHIA TODAY. REMINGTON RAND, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISES JOSEPH
P. GWYN EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN THAT COMPANY AT MONTGOMERY AND BIRMINGHAM
ALA. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, BUT DIED ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO AND NO INFORMATION
AVAILABLE RELATIVE RECORDS OF WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AGENCY, PHILADELPHIA.
RUC.

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New York, N. Y.



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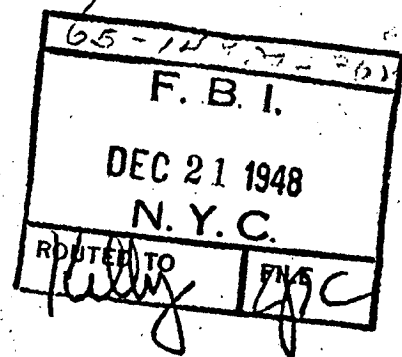
MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

On December 17, 1948, T. J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the AG, made available to the writer a letter addressed to the Un-American Activity Committee, Grand Jury, Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York, N. Y., which was postmarked December 14, 1948, at Brooklyn, New York, and bore the return address W. J. Clark, File No. WL 41, 1186 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn 21, New York. A photo-static copy of this letter was made and the original returned to Mr. Donegan. However, since the contents of the letter indicate that the writer thereof is a nut, and since the letter makes no sense whatsoever, it is not desired that any further investigation be conducted in connection therewith, but that it be made an exhibit in the file of this case.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

TGS:RAA
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
December 21, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS
MR. SCHEIDT
MR. TOLSON
MR. E.A. TAMM
MR. CLEGG
MR. GLAVIN
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
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M. Misch - sec

At 11:45 am today, Assistant Director D. M. Ladd of the Bureau advised that Mr. Nichols had received a call from a newspaper man who stated that he knew LAWRENCE DUGGAN well; that DUGGAN was not the type to commit suicide and that DUGGAN must have been pushed from the window. In view of this and the possibility that there may be other questions in connection with this incident, Mr. Ladd instructed that close contact be maintained with the Police Department. He advised that we should ascertain from the police what condition the room was in and whether there were any signs of a struggle. I informed Mr. Ladd that we would obtain a copy of the police report regarding DUGGAN's suicide.

We should make arrangements to be currently advised of the investigation being conducted by the police and what they have learned. It might be remembered that DUGGAN reportedly was scheduled to go to Washington, D. C. on December 21st and it may be the police will know why he was going to Washington as this may have had some bearing on his *death*.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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position was such and his character of such a nature that such a conclusion was unthinkable. With respect to LAWRENCE DUGGAN he indicated that he knew him quite well and he would be very much surprised if LAWRENCE DUGGAN, even if he was engaged in such activities, knew what he was doing. His inference indicated that if DUGGAN had been at all cooperative he was unwittingly a victim of circumstances. He concluded with the comment that he "would be very sorry if it were shown that LAWRENCE DUGGAN was engaged in such activities."

The writer's impression of ISAAC DON LEVINE'S reaction during the interview was that he is an individual who likes to give the impression that he is knowledgeable and intimate about things and situations which he is not; will make a statement giving that impression, but when pinned down will try to extricate himself by dealing in the generalities at length in the hope of losing the specific. Unquestionably he was telling the truth concerning the interview between CHAMBERS and BERLE and the individuals who were named by CHAMBERS, but when he added his own personal criticisms and comments concerning these individuals he undoubtedly was drawing on his imagination. He would not make a very good witness under severe cross examination.

J. F. SULLIVAN,
Special Agent

FBI DENVER

12-20-48

12 noon

SACS EL PASO, AND PHOENIX

U R G E N T

J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, IS-R, ESPIONAGE-R. FOR INFORMATION PHOENIX, FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO TESTIFIED BEFORE NEW YORK FEDERAL GRAND JURY LAST WEEK. HE HAS ADMITTED HE FURNISHED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD., TO A QUOTE CARL UNQUOTE, WHO IT IS QUOTE CERTAIN IS CHAMBERS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND THIRTY EIGHT. F. V.

RENO ARRIVED IN DENVER DEC. EIGHTEEN INSTANT AND ADVISED BUREAU AGENTS HE PLANNED FLYING TO AQUA CALIENTE HOT SPRINGS, ARIZONA, FOR HIS HEALTH. HE ALSO SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

F. V. RENO IS FIVE FEET TEN, AGE THIRTY SEVEN, REDDISH LIGHT BROWN HAIR,

SALLOW COMPLEXION, IS SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS AND WALKS SLOWLY WITH A SLIGHT LIMP. BOTH HANDS ARE DEFORMED AND HE SOMETIMES WEARS HAND BRACES.

DISCREETLY CONFIRM RENO'S PRESENCE AT AQUA CALIENTE. HE MAY BE USING AN

ALIAS. HE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH BUREAU AND IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU

AGENT IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO RENO EXPLAINING IT IS VERIFICATION OF HIS WHERE-

ABOUTS, AND AGENT SHOULD ADVISE RENO HIS ADDRESS IN EVENT RENO DESIRES TO

COMMUNICATE WITH HIM. SUPEL VERIFICATION. FOR INFORMATION EL PASO, PHILLIP

RENO REPORTEDLY LEFT DENVER BY BUS AFTERNOON DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH ENROUTE

HOME TO ALBUQUERQUE. VERIFY HIS RETURN AS IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO REINTERVIEW

HIM AT A LATER DATE.

END

EOJ/mkg 65-658-

CC: BUREAU (AMSD)

CC: NEW YORK CITY (AMSD)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

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December 21, 1948

MEMO

Re: LAURENCE DUGGAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 1:20 p.m. this date a man who refused to give his name telephoned and stated that a few minutes before he had obtained information from a person whose name he refused to divulge which he believed might have some bearing on the DUGGAN suicide.

He said that a young lady named AUDREY McADAM, 27 West 86 Street, is employed at the Institute of International Education and has some ability as an amateur photographer. The caller advised that MISS McADAM had made the statement to the unnamed source that on last Saturday her "boss" at the Institute had asked her to develop and print some photographs of Navy equipment. MISS McADAM commented that such a request was very unusual on the part of her boss, inasmuch as such work for the Institute was normally done professionally.

The caller stated that he did not know whether MISS McADAM's boss had been LAURENCE DUGGAN, but in view of the comment by MISS McADAM and the suicide of MR. DUGGAN, he wanted to furnish this information to this office.

There is no record of AUDREY McADAM in the New York indices.

ALFRED B. NOVAK, SA

ABN:AG

See to Bureau

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
December 22, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT	✓
MR. BELMONT	✓
MR. WHELAN	✓
MR. COLLIER	✓
MR. CANNON	✓
MR. LADD	✓
MR. NACHTSHEIM	✓
MR. ROSEN	✓
MR. TRACY	✓
MR. WATSON	✓
PROPERTY CLERK	✓
TRAINING UNIT	✓

gk
Kell

At 12:15 pm today, I informed Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that I learned from Mr. Tom Donegan that the Grand Jury is going to adjourn today until January 3.

I further advised Mr. Fletcher that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had identified the photograph of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN as being identical with FELIX. I told Mr. Fletcher that, according to the agents who exhibited the picture to CHAMBERS, the identification was instantaneous, definite and unequivocal. I also told Mr. Fletcher that I was going to call the Baltimore office and advise them of the identification and request that we be furnished with all available information which Baltimore has concerning INSLERMAN.

I mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that in Albany letter dated December 20th, which forwarded a photograph of INSLERMAN obtained from his personnel file at the General Electric Company, Schenectady, where he is employed, information is set out that INSLERMAN is presently being investigated for clearance to perform secret work on Project "Hermes", a highly secret U. S. Army project being carried on at the Schenectady works of General Electric. Albany requested that they be advised immediately if CHAMBERS identified the photograph of INSLERMAN and the Bureau be notified so that consideration may be given to furnishing the Army with sufficient information to cause him to be rejected for clearance. I also mentioned that Baltimore thought we might want to investigate INSLERMAN for current espionage activities. I informed Mr. Fletcher that our reaction is that INSLERMAN should be interviewed immediately, a consent to search obtained and his effects thoroughly searched. If he is engaged in current espionage activities, we are liable to uncover it; if he is not, he will at least be questioned as to his identity as Felix. Mr. Fletcher agreed that this would be the proper procedure to follow. I inquired of Mr. Fletcher whether we should interview INSLERMAN now or wait until the Grand Jury reconvenes. Mr. Fletcher stated that he thought INSLERMAN could be interviewed tomorrow. Mr. Fletcher inquired about a subpoena for INSLERMAN. I told him that I did not think a subpoena would be issued for INSLERMAN until the Grand Jury comes back and the HCUA cannot learn of his identity unless there is some publicity about a subpoena being issued for him. I informed Mr. Fletcher that I have not talked to Mr. Donegan about a subpoena for INSLERMAN inasmuch as Mr. Donegan is in with the GJ.

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I also mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that CHAMBERS will now know that we are aware of FELIX's identity but CHAMBERS will probably not know FELIX's true name.

Mr. Fletcher stated that INSLERMAN should be interviewed by the Albany office but that we should be sure Mr. Donegan knows that we are going to interview him and we should also ascertain from Mr. Donegan whether a subpoena is going to be served on INSLERMAN. I inquired whether we should serve the subpoena if Mr. Donegan so desires. Mr. Fletcher stated that he thinks we should. However, Mr. Fletcher requested that he be furnished with the full facts before we take any action relative to interviewing INSLERMAN and serving the subpoena on him. I informed Mr. Fletcher that after I had discussed this matter with Mr. Donegan, I would call him again to obtain Bureau clearance to interview INSLERMAN and serve the subpoena.

At 12:25 pm I called SAC McFarlin of the Baltimore office to advise him of the identification of INSLERMAN's photograph by CHAMBERS as being identical with FELIX. I pointed out to Mr. McFarlin the fact that INSLERMAN is being checked to work on a highly secret Army project, and in view of the fact that we would be responsible if INSLERMAN stole any information from the files of General Electric, we thought it best to interview INSLERMAN immediately instead of following Baltimore's suggestion of conducting an investigation to uncover current espionage activities on the part of INSLERMAN. I told Mr. McFarlin that I had discussed this with the Bureau and that Albany would probably conduct the interview tomorrow, and get a consent to search his effects. It was mentioned to Mr. McFarlin that if INSLERMAN is thoroughly interviewed and his effects searched, information relative to this case might be uncovered.

I requested Mr. McFarlin to furnish this office with all available information regarding INSLERMAN which would be of value to us as he will probably be coming before the GJ the first part of January.

A. H. BELMONT
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New York, New York
December 23, 1948

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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Re my memorandum of December 22nd, concerning the action to be taken to interview FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN on the afternoon of December 22nd. I spoke to Mr. Tom Donegan relative to the various plans that could be pursued concerning FELIX INSLERMAN. I advised that, in view of INSLERMAN's apparent position in Schenectady, it might be possible to conduct a continuing investigation to determine if he is engaged in espionage activities at this time. I pointed out, however, that by so doing the Government was taking the responsibility for any activities he might undertake in connection with the secret project with which he is apparently affiliated. I advised that if we decide to interview him, this can be done immediately or we could wait until the Grand Jury reconvenes, on January 3rd, but the same argument pertains here, that now that we have the knowledge of his identity, we are charged with the responsibility for any action he might take. Mr. Donegan advised he would defer to the Bureau's judgment in this but that he agreed with me that the best line of action would be to interview FELIX immediately. I inquired whether a subpoena would be issued for the Grand Jury and if so, when. Mr. Donegan advised he would issue a subpoena this afternoon and he pointed out that it would be desirable for FBI agents to serve the subpoena on INSLERMAN after the interview as otherwise INSLERMAN might not be located by the U. S. Marshal. He suggested that if the Bureau agreed with this, an agent from New York City could take the subpoena with him. Relative to a possible search of INSLERMAN's effects to disclose whether he is presently engaged in activities of interest in this matter, I advised Mr. Donegan that we will attempt to get a consent to search from him and search his effects.

Mr. Donegan then advised that the foreman of the Grand Jury, Mr. JOHN G. BRUNINI, had come to him today (12/22/48) advising that he was flying down to Vicksburg, Mississippi and wanted to get back for the Grand Jury on January 3rd, but had been unable to get reservations. Mr. BRUNINI asked Mr. Donegan whether the FBI could be of assistance in this. Mr. Donegan advised that he thought it would be helpful if this could be done without any embarrassment inasmuch as this is a new grand jury and their cooperation is desired. I advised him I would see what could be done.

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I then called Mr. H. E. Fletcher at the Bureau and informed him that Mr. Donegan deferred to the Bureau's judgment in the interviewing of INSILERMAN but that Donegan agreed with us that a prompt interview would be best; that he would get a subpoena out this afternoon (12/22/48) and would like the agents to serve it if possible. Mr. Fletcher advised that we should arrange with Albany for the interview on December 23rd; that we should send an agent from New York who is thoroughly conversant with the case to handle the interview and an agent from Albany should go with him. Mr. Fletcher advised that we could serve the subpoena on INSILERMAN. I advised Mr. Fletcher we would attempt to get a consent to search also. I then advised Mr. Fletcher of my conversation with Mr. Donegan concerning the Grand Jury foreman. Mr. Fletcher suggested that I contact the SAC at New Orleans and see what could be done on this on an unofficial basis.

At 3:20 pm on 12/22/48, I spoke to SAC Wyly of the New Orleans office and furnished him with the information relative to Mr. BRUNINI's request. Mr. Wyly was advised that Mr. Donegan is handling the Grand Jury and that Mr. BRUNINI, who is foreman of it, had asked Mr. Donegan if the FBI could help him in obtaining his reservation. I advised Mr. Wyly that Mr. BRUNINI wants to return to New York by January 3 when the CJ will reconvene and that Mr. BRUNINI needs a plane reservation out of Vicksburg late January 1st or January 2nd, preferably January 2nd. BRUNINI will arrive in Vicksburg on December 24th and can be reached in care of BRUNINI & EVERETT, a firm at Vicksburg. Mr. Wyly was informed that I had talked this over with Mr. Fletcher and that Mr. Fletcher had suggested I call the New Orleans office and see if the resident agent could do anything to help Mr. BRUNINI. I suggested that the resident agent get in touch with Mr. BRUNINI around December 24, 26 or 27th to see if he could be of assistance to him. I pointed out to Mr. Wyly that Mr. BRUNINI could be routed any way as long as he is able to return to New York by Jan. 3.

Mr. Wyly informed me that because of the Sugar Bowl Game in New Orleans on January 1st, plane reservations are at a premium, but that he would endeavor to obtain plane reservations for Mr. BRUNINI. I suggested that he send me a routing slip advising of the results of his efforts along this line.

At 3:35 pm, in the absence of SAC Cornelius of the Albany office, I spoke to SA Joselyn relative to the interview of INSILERMAN. A stenographer was put on the telephone and I dictated the following information to her:

Reference is made to Albany letter dated December 20, 1948, transmitting a photograph of FELIX AUGUST INSILERMAN for display to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to determine whether INSILERMAN is identical with the unknown FELIX in instant case.

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This photograph, together with other photographs available to the New York office, was displayed to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS who identified INSLERMAN as the unknown FELIX. The New York office has discussed this development with Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau who has instructed that an agent of the New York office proceed immediately to Albany for the purposes of interviewing INSLERMAN on December 23rd. The Bureau has instructed that the Albany office make an agent available to assist in this interview.

This development has also been discussed with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Tom Donegan, who is handling the Federal Grand Jury sitting on instant case. Mr. Donegan has likewise requested that INSLERMAN be interviewed at once and that a Grand Jury subpoena be served on him for appearance in New York City before the Grand Jury, subsequent to January 3, 1949. Bureau clearance has been obtained for the service of this subpoena.

SA Frank O'Brien is proceeding to Albany by train tonight. He will report to the Albany office promptly on the morning of December 23. It is requested that the Albany office gather together all available information on INSLERMAN which would be of assistance in conducting this interview and that an agent be available to accompany Agent O'Brien to interview INSLERMAN on December 23rd. In order to properly make out the subpoena which Agent O'Brien will bring up with him, it is necessary to have the address of INSLERMAN this afternoon in order that it can be inserted in the subpoena.

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I have discussed this with Mr. Fletcher. It is desired the interview be as complete as possible and, if possible, a consent to search be obtained from INSLERMAN and that agents search his personal effects to determine whether there is any information which would tie him in with this case. It should be borne in mind that if INSLERMAN is FELIX as CHAMBERS states, his present occupation may indicate that he has continued activities inimical to the welfare of this country and therefore the searching agents should bear this in mind.

Reference letter from Albany mentions that INSLERMAN is being investigated for clearance for secret work for the Army. It is suggested that the interview be conducted and following the interview, the results can be presented to the Bureau and at that time it can be determined as to what form notification to the Army should take.

I emphasized to Agent Joselyn the necessity for having INSLERMAN's address immediately so that it could be inserted on the subpoena. He stated he would check this and call me back as soon as possible.

A. H. BELMONT
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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

At 4:30 P.M. on December 22nd Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called to advise that ED NELLOR, a reporter of the Washington Times Herald newspaper, had informed Mr. Nichols of the Bureau that an investigator of the House Committee on Un-American Activities named GASTON had delivered a subpoena to HEDI MASSING this fall. At that time she told GASTON that she gave all information in her possession to FBI agents. GASTON advised NELLOR that HEDI MASSING read him portions of a letter she had received from a friend. She did this without solicitation by GASTON and GASTON did not make notes or get a copy of the letter. GASTON, however, recalls that the letter said that "the faces of the people at the Carnegie Peace Foundation would be red if they knew as much about HISS as the author of the letter and HEDI MASSING knew about him."

Mr. Fletcher suggested that we interview HEDI MASSING to recall this incident to her recollection and that we find out who was the author of the letter and what information the author of the letter had concerning HISS. We should then, of course, consider interviewing the author of the letter for any pertinent information he or she might have concerning HISS.

I told Mr. Fletcher that we would handle this immediately.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
Perjury, Espionage R.

MEMORANDUM:

Detectives James Pritchard and John Wyten, of the 16th Squad, New York City PD, 345 West 47th Street, telephone Circle 6-0830, called on the writer on December 22nd and advised that they were investigating the death of LAURENCE DUGGAN. They made reference to the fact that the newspapers had mentioned that the FBI had questioned this individual recently, and stated that their purpose in calling was to inquire as to whether we might be in possession of any information which would throw any light on his death. I advised them that we had talked to Duggan on December 10th at his home but that there was absolutely nothing to indicate any connection between this and his subsequent death; that we had no information regarding the cause and circumstances of his death. I told these Detectives that in the event we should receive any information which was pertinent to their investigation that we would advise them regarding it immediately.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: December 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

**SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.
PERJURY
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RE: FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN

There is being forwarded herewith as an enclosure a photograph of the wife of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN, an unknown man, and a dog. This photograph was obtained from Mr. CHARLES MILTON QUARTLEY, 2113 Callow Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, and was taken during the summer of 1937 at his camp which is located at Magovista, Maryland.

The unidentified man in this photograph may possibly be identical with DAVID VERNON ZILBERMAN alias DAVE CARPENTER, who did photographic work for CHAMBERS during the pertinent period, 1937-38. It is suggested, therefore, that this photograph be exhibited to CHAMBERS so that he may endeavor to identify this unknown man.

It is requested that this original photograph be returned to the Baltimore Office.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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The "New York Post" story of Thursday, December 23, 1948, concerning the FBI questioning of LAWRENCE DUGGAN, contains a statement that DUGGAN was questioned by the FBI a little more than a week before he plunged to his death in New York. The story states that DUGGAN was asked what he knew of the alleged Communist underground spy apparatus within the Government which WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has described to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Grand Jury in New York. DUGGAN is alleged to have stated that he had been approached by a person, whose name has not been disclosed, with an offer to admit DUGGAN to the ring which was feeding CHAMBERS State secrets. DUGGAN rejected the invitation.

This information concerning the interview is inaccurate. DUGGAN did not state to the interviewing agents that he had ever been approached by any individual with an offer to admit him to any ring which was feeding State secrets to CHAMBERS. He did, however, state that he had been approached by FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, a classmate of his at Harvard. He rejected FIELD's approach. He could not recall just what FIELD wanted him to do but he knew it was something in the interest of the Communist International or the Soviet Union. During the interview, he also stated that he had been approached by HENRY HILL COLLINS to do something in the interest of the Communist International or the Soviet Union. He rejected this approach by COLLINS. He could not recall just what he was to do for COLLINS.

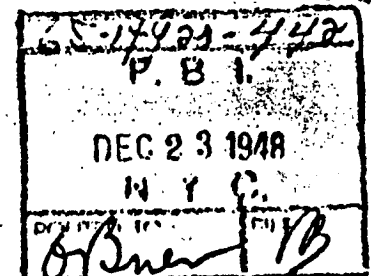
During the interview, DUGGAN could not recall ever having been approached by HEDE MASSING and he denied that he ever went to see her superior or anyone else at her suggestion.

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RE: TIM HOLMES,
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT.

On December 22, 1948, INSPECTOR T. AVERY of INS telephonically advised the writer that TIM HOLMES had been in contact with him relative to his possible apprehension by the NYCPD. AVERY stated that he has information from the NYCPD to the effect that due to pressure which is being placed on the Police Department that they are presently exerting every effort to locate HOLMES and that they will apprehend him any place they find him.

AVERY stated, as a result, HOLMES is being instructed to proceed to his (AVERY'S) office and stay there until 12 o'clock when he is supposed to appear before the Grand Jury in answer to a subpoena. The writer made no comment to AVERY relative to the advisability of such action on his part.

Submitted for information.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,
Supervisor - Section #7.

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

JACK FOX, Night Desk, United Press, telephonically advised at 2:30 P.M. on December 24th that Attorney General Clark had just issued a press release in Washington stating that the investigation of LAWRENCE DUGGAN had completely exonerated him of any implication in the current investigation. Mr. FOX stated that he had contacted Mr. DUGGAN'S wife and she advised him that up until the time of his death Mr. DUGGAN had not received any statement from the Department of Justice or the FBI advising that he had been exonerated of any implication in this matter. Mr. FOX then wanted to know whether or not it is the policy of the Bureau to question individuals and then to refrain from advising them of the ultimate completion of the investigation. He asked that Mr. Scheidt be contacted to see if he had any comment to offer on the Attorney General's release.

Mr. Scheidt was contacted at his home and advised the writer to call Mr. FOX and state that he had no comment on the Attorney General's statement.

THOMAS J. RYAN, SA

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